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Reports of States and yearly and monthly reports of cities of the United States.

CONNECTICUT—*Bridgeport*.—Month of February, 1900. Estimated population, 65,000. Total number of deaths, 84, including diphtheria, 1; measles, 8, and 13 from tuberculosis.

New Haven.—Month of February, 1900. Estimated population, 115,000. Total number of deaths, 159, including diphtheria, 2; enteric fever, 1; whooping cough, 2, and 23 from phthisis pulmonalis.

INDIANA.—The Monthly Bulletin of the State board of health, for the month of February, 1900, says:

Total number of deaths reported, 2,732; an annual death rate of 13.4 per 1,000. The rate for January was 12.7. This shows an increase of 0.7, but as January has thirty-one days and February twenty-eight the comparative increase is still greater.

There were 463 deaths under one year of age, which is 22.7 per cent of the whole number of deaths. The number of deaths from one to four years of age was 208, which is 10.2 per cent of the whole number, and 34.1 per cent were 65 years of age and over, the number of this class being 694. The deaths from all forms of tuberculosis were 395, the pulmonary form causing 339, an annual death rate per 100,000 of 166.6.

Typhoid fever caused 48 deaths, an annual rate of 23.5 per 100,000, indicating a total for the year of 1,269; and February is not considered a typhoid month. We earnestly hope the people will very soon give open ear to the teachings of sanitary science and by practice stop this horrid and awful waste of life.

Diphtheria and croup caused 67 deaths, an annual rate per 100,000 of 57, and this indicates an annual total of 1,507.

Medical school inspection would materially reduce cases and deaths from diphtheria, scarlet fever, measles, whooping cough, and like children's diseases. Twenty children died of whooping cough during the month. This is almost 1 each day, and yet people consider this disease of little consequence and propose to permit their children to have it as early in life as possible.

The pneumonia deaths are still high, 401 having perished from this disease in February. Cerebro-spinal meningitis caused 58 deaths, influenza 65, puerperal septicæmia 7, cancer 78, and violence 87. The total deaths reported, from smallpox was 4. Two of these occurred in Posey and 2 in Clay County. We are constrained to believe that this malady has caused more deaths than are reported for it, as certainly there have been more cases of smallpox than have been reported. Also we are informed of several deaths, the cause of which was most probably smallpox, but, with the diagnosis of this disease, other causes were given either through ignorance or intent.

The northern counties, having a population of 892,448, return a total of 811, an annual death rate of 11.9. The central counties, population 1,022,694, return a total of 1,109, rate 14; and the southern counties, population 729,838, return 812 deaths, a rate of 14.4.

Cities.—Cities of over 50,000 inhabitants, Indianapolis and Evansville, report 273 deaths, an annual rate of 18.6. Cities of 25,000 to 50,000 inhabitants, Fort Wayne, South Bend, and Terre Haute, report 133 deaths, an annual rate of 15. Cities of 10,000 to 25,000 inhabitants, Anderson, Elkhart, Elwood, Hammond, Jeffersonville, Kokomo, Lafayette, Logansport, Marion, Michigan City, Muncie, New Albany, Richmond, and Vincennes, report 315 deaths, a rate of 19.4. Cities of 5,000

to 10,000 inhabitants, twenty in number, report 187 deaths, a rate of 17.2. Cities of under 5,000 inhabitants, thirty-nine in number, report 163 deaths, a rate of 16.3. All cities represent a population of 790,522 and a death rate of 17.6. The rural population, which in this review includes towns and hamlets, being a population of 1,854,458, shows a death rate of 11.6. The pulmonary tuberculosis rate per 100,000 inhabitants is—cities, 228.5; country, 140.2. The rates for cities and country for certain diseases are as follows: Typhoid fever, 24.6 and 23.1; diphtheria, 36.1 and 19.6; scarlet fever, 6.5 and 7; whooping cough, 8.2 and 10.5; pneumonia, 238.4 and 179.4; cerebro-spinal meningitis, 27.9 and 28.7; influenza, 27.9 and 33.6; puerperal septicæmia, 0 and 4.9; cancer 54.1 and 31.5; violence, 69 and 31.5. In this comparison the cities are last except in puerperal fever, and this probably indicates greater care among city physicians in cases of labor.

Columbia City, Delhi, and Montpelier had not a single death in February, and Newton County, population 11,455, reports but 3 deaths.

IOWA—Boone.—Month of February, 1900. Census population, 6,520. Total number of deaths, 4, including 1 from phthisis pulmonalis.

Burlington.—Estimated population, 30,000. Total number of deaths, 29, including enteric fever, 4; whooping cough, 1, and 1 from phthisis pulmonalis.

Carroll.—Estimated population, 3,000. One death.

Cedar Falls.—Estimated population, 6,000. Total number of deaths, 7, including 2 from phthisis pulmonalis.

Cedar Rapids.—Estimated population, 28,000. Total number deaths, 27, including enteric fever, 1, and 2 from phthisis pulmonalis.

Corydon.—Estimated population, 1,600. Total number of deaths, 2. No deaths from contagious disease.

Davenport.—Estimated population, 42,000. Total number of deaths, 34, including enteric fever, 1, and 4 from phthisis pulmonalis.

Des Moines.—Estimated population, 78,000. Total number of deaths, 80, including 9 from phthisis pulmonalis.

Dubuque.—Estimated population, 45,000. Total number of deaths, 35, including diphtheria, 2; enteric fever, 1, and 1 from phthisis pulmonalis.

Eldon.—Estimated population, 2,000. Total number of deaths, 2. No deaths from contagious diseases.

Fort Madison.—Estimated population, 12,000. Total number of deaths, 10. No deaths from contagious diseases.

Le Mars.—Census population, 4,036. No deaths.

The Health Bulletin says :

Outbreaks of infectious diseases were reported to the secretary of the State board of health as having occurred during the month of February in the following localities :

Diphtheria.—Hillsdale, Washington Township, Story County; Alton; Lincoln Township, Cass County; Victor; Logan Township, Calhoun County; Kimballton; French Creek Township, Allamakee County; Floyd; Floyd Township, Floyd County; Wiota; Irvington; Burt;

Clear Creek Township, Jasper County ; Tama ; Kellogg ; Kellogg Township, Jasper County ; Clay Township, Hardin County ; Dubuque.

Measles.—Goldfield ; Marathon.

Scarlet fever.—Ashton ; Everly ; Arlington ; Fairfield Township, Fayette County ; Morning Sun Township, Louisa County ; Atlantic ; Union City Township, Allamakee County ; Boone ; Cushing ; Fayette ; Rolfe ; Jordan Township, Monona County ; Hartland Township, Worth County ; Fort Atkinson ; Smithfield Township, Fayette County ; Otho Township, Webster County ; Mondamin ; Morton Township, Page County ; Viola Township, Osceola County ; Northwood ; Paton Township, Greene County ; Elliott Township, Louisa County ; Jefferson Township, Dallas County ; Lafayette Township, Allamakee County ; Shelby ; Scott Township, Madison County ; Center Township, Fayette County ; Prairie Township, Keokuk County ; Highland Township, O'Brien County ; Lake Township, Humboldt County ; Clare ; Danbury ; Sheffield ; Washington Township, Buena Vista County ; Moingona ; Pleasant Township, Pottawattamie County ; Fulton Township, Webster County.

Smallpox.—Mapleton ; Maple, Jordan, and Center Townships, Monona County ; Fraser ; Clinton ; De Moines ; Indianola ; Hillsdale ; Muscatine ; Jefferson ; Morgan Township, Harrison County ; Jackson Township, Madison County ; Gilman Township, Osceola County ; Fort Dodge ; Boone ; Ames ; Story City ; Rock Valley.

In addition to the foregoing reported for February there have been reported up to this date, March 8, outbreaks in the following places :

Cooper Center and Grant Townships, Monona County ; Radcliffe ; Ute ; Carroll ; Story City, two new cases ; Hubbard ; Marietta Township, Marshall county.

Typhoid fever.—Burlington ; Davenport ; Dubuque.

Whooping cough.—Burlington.

MICHIGAN.—Reports to the State board of health, Lansing, for the week ended March 24, 1900, from 65 observers, indicate that there was no disease which showed a marked increase or decrease when compared with the preceding week. Phthisis pulmonalis was reported present at 156, measles at 118, scarlet fever at 61, enteric fever at 32, diphtheria at 20, whooping cough at 18, smallpox at 7, and cerebro-spinal meningitis at 6 places.

NORTH CAROLINA.—Reports to the State board of health, for the month of February, 1900, from 18 towns having an aggregate population of 106,950—white, 61,875 ; colored, 45,075, show a total of 120 deaths—white, 53 ; colored, 67, including measles, 1, and 17 from phthisis pulmonalis.

OHIO.—*Irontown*.—Month of February, 1900. Estimated population, 15,000. Total number of deaths, 10, including 2 from phthisis pulmonalis.

VIRGINIA.—*Richmond*.—Month of February, 1900. Estimated population, 101,560. Total number of deaths, 129, including 5 from enteric fever.